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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether tin-making industry is also included among the small-scale industries which are included in the industrial estate schemes in Palghat? May I also know whether the Government have received any special representation from one Mr. Haneefa, Municipal Councillor, Palghat Municipality, in that connexion?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that there will be no difficulty in getting the tin-making industry covered under the industrial estate schemes in Palghat.

Exploratory work re artesian springs

* 137 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether any exploratory work has been conducted during the year 1956 to locate artesian springs in the districts? 9–50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

Conditions of sweet toddy-tappers

* 138 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the conditions of sweet-toddy tappers under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Under the Second Five-Year Plan, the following steps are proposed to be taken for improving the conditions of ex-toddy tappers in the State under the Palm Gur Development Scheme :—

(a) Increasing production of palm gur.

(b) Adoption of improved methods of manufacture of palm jaggery by supply of palm gur sets.

(c) Granting subsidies to the neera parlours.

(d) Encouraging the production of palatable products by giving subsidies to deserving societies for the purchase of confectionery equipment.

(e) Undertaking propaganda for the development of Palm Gur Industry by supply of the journal " Tad Gud Samachar " at half cost.

(f) Encouraging other allied industries among the ex-tapper.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, since jaggery is sold in the market at a very low price; all these measures will not help the tappers. Will the Government consider other alternative methods, such as distributing land to the tappers.

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, that is a common policy pursued by the Government in respect of those people who are in need of land, but this is a separate question altogether.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, on a former occasion, the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition was generous enough to give us an assurance that the recommendations of the Malabar Prohibition Advisory Committee will be taken into consideration by the Government. The first recommendation was that toddy-tappers belonging to jaggery-producing co-operative societies may be given loans in advance so that they may be saved from harassment by landlords, who lease these coconut palms by receiving *pattam* (rent) in advance, to pay that(?) the tappers receive money at high rates of interest from others. The other recommendation was that the Government should meet the administrative charges of the co-operative societies. May I know what steps have the Government taken in the matter?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, sufficient subsidy is given for every item of work they are doing. I do not think a loan is necessary but if the hon. Member thinks that a loan is necessary, the Government will examine that question.

Sri R. KRISHNAN : பாலக்காடு தாலுகாவில் Palm jaggery tappers 10,000 பேர்கள் வரையிலும் இருக்கிறார்கள். Palm jaggery விலை கம்மியாக இருப்பதால் இவர்களுக்கு வேலையில்லாத் திண்டாட்டம் ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகையால் பாலக்காட்டிலே இரண்டாவது ஐந்து வருடத் திட்டத்திலே ஏதாவது ஒரு சர்க்கரை ஆலையை ஆரம்பிப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் சிபார்சு செய்வார்களா ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : சர்க்கரை ஆலை ஆரம்பிப்பதுபற்றி என்னுடைய சகாவான விவசாய மந்திரி அவர்களுக்குக் கேள்வி போட்டால், அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லுவார்கள்.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, in the existing Prohibition Act it has been laid down that the tappers should be given loans up to a limit of Rs. 200 for buying cattle, etc. They are already members of Primary Co-operative Societies. May I know whether they will be given any gratuity in their old age? May I also know whether the price of jaggery will be fixed?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : The hon. Member seems to mix up one question with another. He thinks that a subsidy of Rs. 200 is given. The question of increasing or reducing the price of jaggery does not arise from this question.

Sri M. DHARMALINGAM : Sir, so far as my knowledge goes, I can inform this House that the grant of a licence to the sweet-toddy tappers for tapping juice for manufacturing jaggery does not help them in any way. Will the Government come forward to consider the desirability of organizing Milk Supply Societies, giving subsidy to them to improve the conditions of the sweet-toddy tappers?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, I think the Members of this House are satisfied with the arrangements that are being and have been made by the Government of Madras.

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Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM : கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன திட்டம் ரொம்ப இனிமையாகத்தான் இருக்கிறது. ஆனால் உற்பத்தியாகும் வெல்லத்துக்கு சரியான விலை கிடைக்காதது தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு இனிமையைத் தருவதாயில்லை. அதனால் அவர்கள் கஷ்டப்படுகிறார்கள். ஆகையால் குறைந்தபட்சமாக பதனீராவது விற்று அதனால் ஏற்படும் பலனை அனுபவிப்பதற்கு அவர்கள் அனுமதிக்கப்படுவார்களா என்று அறிய விரும்புகிறேன் ?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : வெல்லம் உற்பத்தியானவுடன் அது கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களின் மூலமாகத்தான் விற்கப்படவேண்டும் என்று சட்டம் இருக்கிறது. அந்த சட்டத்தை மீறி நடப்பவர்களுக்கு தண்டனை கொடுக்கப்படுகிறது என்று நேற்று நான் பதில் சொன்னதிலிருந்து கனம் அங்கத்தினர்களுக்குத் தெரிந்திருக்கும். மற்ற விஷயத்தைப் பற்றி தனிக் கேள்வி கேட்டால், அதற்கு பதில் சொல்லுகிறேன்.

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Sir, the District Superintendent of Police, Malabar, has informed the Coovery and Kuttiatoor tappers, when they applied for licence for tapping coconut palm for making jaggery, that there were other works and that it was not necessary that they should take up this work. May I know on what basis the District Superintendent of Police said so and whether the Government will be pleased to reconsider the question on special representation, if made, with facts and figures to prove that the District Superintendent of Police was wrong?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Sir, this is a general question. If the hon. Member tables a separate interpellation, I will be able to answer his question.

Propagating Kalari form of physical culture

* 139 *Q.*—Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have any plan to propagate the Kalari form of physical culture in any of the National Extension Service and Community Project areas in the State; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have included Kalari in any physical culture institutes under its control?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) A grant of 50 per cent of the cost of equipment subject to a maximum of Rs. 100 for a sangham is permissible in the Blocks in Malabar district, the number of sanghams receiving a grant being limited to 4 per block. Apart from this, there is no plan for propagating this form of physical culture in National Extension Service and Community Project areas.

(*b*) It is proposed to start a course in Kalaripayat with an instructor from Malabar in Y.M.C.A. College of Physical Education, Saidapet.

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Sir, this is one of the finest forms of physical culture, indigenous as the Hon. Minister would agree. Will the Government, therefore, recruit quite a number of Kalari experts and organize this system of Kalari for the development of the youth of Tamil Nad?